

ABLE TO ABOLISH HAZING

Admission of the Commandant of
Cadets at West Point.
SUPERINTENDENT TESTIFIES.

He Read from Letters He Had Written
to the War Department in His
Endeavor to Abolish Hazing,
"Brutal Treatment."

(By Associated Press.)
WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Lieutenant-Colonel Otto L. Hein, commandant at the United States Military Academy, was the first witness called to the stand today to testify before the court of inquiry, appointed to investigate the allegations of brutal hazing of cadets. Colonel Hein produced the superintendent's sick reports, which showed that Cadet Booz had only reported sick once while he was at the Academy. He was exposed on the occasion, from one drill, as he was suffering from an acute attack. The records made it clear that Booz had never been absent from breakfast, dinner or supper while he was a cadet at West Point.

BRUTAL HAZING.
An extract from the records was read by the witness, who said Cadet Booz had availed himself of the Saturday-evening privileges of going anywhere within the reservation on Saturday, August 6th, the day of the Booz-Keller fight. Booz reported his going away at 1:58 P. M. and his returning at 2:38 P. M. In reply to General Clegg, the witness said that in the summer of 1899, through anonymous letters, the brutal hazing of cadets by MacArthur and Haskell came to the knowledge of the Academy officials. An investigation was immediately ordered, but no information as to the facts could be elicited from the cadets. The names of MacArthur and Haskell, who were MacArthur and Haskell, the regulations prohibiting hazing provided punishment for hazing and hazing alike.

In telling of the agreement made by the four classes in 1899, among whom were Cadets MacArthur and Grant, not to submit to hazing, Colonel Hein said:

ASKED TO AGREE.
"I called the class together (it was a very large one) and explained to them the rules and regulations prohibiting hazing. I told them if they would agree to submit to hazing and promise not to haze any one themselves, they would rid the academy of a foul blot on its reputation."

"Soon afterwards they appealed to me to be released from this agreement, but I refused."

"I also heard," continued the witness, "that candidates preparing at Highland Falls were being hazed, and I made an investigation, the outcome of which was the severe punishing of the guilty cadets."

IS TRADITIONAL.
Speaking generally of hazing, Colonel Hein said:
"Hazing is traditional and I am sorry to say is thought by persons inside as well as outside of the academy, to be commendable, and as long as students hear it spoken of in this way it will be impossible for the authorities to stamp it out."

"What methods do you think could be used to stamp out the calling out of fourth-class men and subsequent hazing?" asked General Clegg.
"Why, I consider that a form of hazing, and as long as the cadets don't live up to the agreement not to submit to hazing and the upper class do not cease interfering with them, it will be impossible to suppress it."

EXERCISED DAILY.
Former Cadet Smith, of Carbondale, Ill., testified to seeing, on one occasion, a hazing, and on another, a hazing. "We were exercised almost daily," the witness said. "Cadets Meyer and Nelly exercised me frequently."

"I remember," said he, "that I was called out for disobeying upper class men, and general freshness." His opponent was Mr. Shannon, of the present second-class.

"I got knocked-out, sir."
"Did you receive any serious injuries?" inquired General Clegg.
"Yes, sir. I had an abrasion on my forehead, and my jaw was broken."

"Did you go to the hospital?"
"Yes, sir. I was there just two weeks."
"Was Shannon a good man?"
"Yes, sir. I thought so," replied the witness, who laughed as he answered. He was allowed to go.

SUPERINTENDENT SWORN.
Colonel A. L. Mills, superintendent of the academy, was then sent for and after a few minutes, delay he came into court and was sworn. He submitted many reports and extracts regarding the regulations prohibiting hazing and the measures adopted by the authorities to abolish the several varieties which existed at the academy. He said that he had received reports from the superintendent of the academy who were summarily punished for violations of these regulations, but they were merely repetitions of the extracts of records handed to the court previously by commandant Hein.

Speaking of "bracing," the superintendent said: "I do not consider 'bracing' as hazing, but it amounts to it when carried to excess, and causes physical pain."

For the protection of the fourth class, the witness said that he had increased the responsibilities of the first class cadets in regard to this end. He felt that these men, on the verge of graduation, would use their utmost endeavors to abolish hazing.

Colonel Mills said that a great deal of difficulty had been experienced by him and the other officers in getting information from cadets about cases of hazing on the ground that they might incriminate themselves.

SECRET SOCIETY.
The superintendent told of having secured the oath of a society known as "The Red Carriers," which existed among candidates for admission to this academy who were at a preparatory school at Highland Falls, about two miles from West Point. It was a society composed of and formed for hazing candidates.

The witness said that it was of such a vile nature that he knew he had a good weapon in his hands. He submitted it to the cadet body with the result that when they saw what hazing entailed the graduating class of 1900 declared that they would abolish hazing and wrote him to that effect.

As to self-incrimination of cadets, witness said the paragraph giving the privilege of not answering what would be an incrimination question, was amended by the War Department. This amendment left to the judgment of the superintendent of the academy whether or not a cadet would incriminate himself by answering certain questions. This change was made after the cadets had made an agreement to stop all forms of exercising. Colonel Mills read the paragraph which he had written to the War Department in his efforts to abolish hazing at the academy, containing such suggestive words as "brutal treatment of cadets" and "secret outrages," referring to the encampment of 1899.

Miner-Woodson.
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CLERK WHO KILLED AUDITOR MORRIS Succeeded in Dying.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Samuel McDonald, who one week ago shot and killed F. H. Morris, auditor for the War Department, died this morning at the Emergency Hospital, from the self-inflicted wounds he received at the time of the murder.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

McDonald, after killing Morris, cut his own throat and shot himself near the heart. It was thought he had a fair chance of recovery owing to his remarkable physique, but he was determined to die and so informed the attendants at the hospital. He was carefully guarded and prevented from inflicting any further injury on himself, but for two days he refused nourishment, as far as possible and this morning at 7 o'clock died quietly and without a struggle.

VACCINATE ALL NEW YORK.

The Board of Health Decides on a Plan.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
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